

20. (twice amended) A process for producing a non crosslinker containing solventborne paint pack which can be made into a pigmented waterborne coating composition, comprising a polymer having hydrophilic groups and functional groups and a waterborne pigment dispersion, comprising the steps of:

- i) forming a solution of the polymer in an organic solvent; and
- ii) dispersing a waterborne pigment dispersion in the presence of a pigment dispersant in the polymer solution.

The claim amendments above do not contain new matter. The subject matter of the amendments is contained in the application as originally drafted. See page 3, lines 9-15.

REMARKS

In an Office Action mailed on May 15, 2002, claims 1-24 were pending. Claims 1-6, 8-21, and 24 were rejected. Claims 7, 19, 22, and 23 were objected to.

I. Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over US Patent Number 5,075,370 ("Kubitza")

Claims 1-6, 8-10, and 13-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kubitza

A. The Present Invention

The present invention is a waterborne coating composition. As defined in claim 1, the invention is a **non crosslinker containing pigmented solventborne paint pack** which can be made into a waterborne coating composition comprising:

- (i) a solution in an organic solvent of polymer having functional groups and hydrophilic groups; and
- (ii) a waterborne pigment dispersion comprising pigment dispersed in water in the presence of a pigment dispersant, the aqueous pigment dispersion itself being in dispersion in said solution of organic solvent.

As stated on page 1, line 21 of the application, the present invention is a paint pack formed by mixing millibase with polymer and solvent. A user mixes the paint pack of the invention with a solution of crosslinker in organic solvent just prior to use.